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# Introduction

The increasing integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the Internet of Things (IoT) ecosystem presents new and evolving security challenges. While AI offers numerous benefits, it can also be leveraged by malicious actors to launch sophisticated attacks, exploit vulnerabilities, and evade traditional security measures. This policy outlines the organisation's commitment to proactively addressing the potential misuse of AI for malicious purposes within the IoT environment.

# Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for identifying, assessing, and mitigating the risks associated with AI-powered attacks targeting the organisation's IoT infrastructure. This policy aims to:

* Stay abreast of the latest developments in AI-powered threats and attack vectors.
* Implement effective security controls and countermeasures to protect against AI-driven attacks.
* Ensure that IoT devices and systems are resilient to sophisticated and adaptive threats.
* Foster a culture of security awareness and preparedness to recognise and respond to AI-powered attacks.

# Scope

This policy applies to all IoT devices, systems, and data within the organisation's network, as well as any AI models or algorithms used in conjunction with IoT operations.

# Policy Statement

## Threat Intelligence and Monitoring

* **AI-Specific Threat Intelligence:** The organisation shall actively gather and analyse threat intelligence related to AI-powered attacks, including adversarial machine learning techniques, data poisoning, and model evasion.
* **Real-time Monitoring:** IoT devices, network traffic, and AI model behaviour shall be continuously monitored for signs of suspicious or anomalous activity, utilising intrusion detection systems, behavioural analytics, and other security tools.
* **Anomaly Detection:** Advanced analytics and machine learning techniques shall be employed to identify deviations from normal patterns that may indicate potential AI-powered attacks.

## AI Model Security

* **Robustness and Resilience:** AI models shall be designed and trained with robustness and resilience in mind, incorporating techniques to mitigate the risk of adversarial attacks and data poisoning.
* **Input Validation and Sanitisation:** Input data provided to AI models shall be rigorously validated and sanitised to prevent the injection of malicious or adversarial data.
* **Access Controls:** Strict access controls shall be enforced to protect AI models, training data, and model outputs from unauthorised access or modification.

## Anomaly Detection and Response

* **Behavioural Analytics:** User and entity behaviour analytics (UEBA) shall be employed to detect deviations from normal activity that may indicate AI-powered attacks or malicious use of AI models.
* **Automated Response:** Automated response mechanisms may be implemented to take immediate action in response to detected threats, such as isolating compromised devices or blocking malicious traffic.
* **Incident Response:** A well-defined incident response plan shall be in place to address AI-powered attacks, including containment, eradication, and recovery procedures.

## Security Awareness and Training

* **Employee Education:** Employees shall receive regular security awareness training to educate them about the potential misuse of AI for malicious purposes and the associated risks.
* **AI Security Best Practices:** Personnel involved in the development, deployment, or operation of AI models shall be trained on AI security best practices and the latest defence techniques against adversarial attacks.

# Responsibilities

* **Information Security Officer:** Responsible for overseeing the implementation and enforcement of this policy.
* **Security Operations Centre (SOC):** Responsible for monitoring security events, analysing threats, and coordinating incident response.
* **IT Department:** Responsible for implementing and maintaining security controls, conducting vulnerability assessments, and applying patches.
* **Data Scientists and AI Developers:** Responsible for developing and deploying secure and resilient AI models.
* **All Employees:** Responsible for adhering to security best practices and reporting any suspected security incidents or vulnerabilities.

# Breaches of Policy

Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or contractual relationships.

# Document Management

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This document is reviewed periodically and at least annually to ensure compliance with the following prescribed criteria.

* Compliant with the Internet of Things (IoT) Security Framework for Industry 4.0.
* Legislative requirements defined by law, where appropriate.

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